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TAGS: ETRD, SN, US

SUBJECT: GSP COMPETITIVE NEED EXCLUSIONS FOR 1978  
FOR SINGAPORE

REF: (A) STATE 8688, (B) STATE 45783,  
(C) EA/EP PRINTOUT OF US IMPORTS IN 1977 UNDER  
GSP FROM SINGAPORE TRANSMITTED FEB. 22, 1978.

1. PER REFTEL A, ONLY ONE SINGAPORE PRODUCT,  
TSUS 202.60 HARDWOOD FLOORING, WAS EXPECTED  
TO BE EXCLUDED FROM US GSP FOR 1978 BASES ON  
COMPETITIVE NEED PRINCIPLE.
2. PER REFTEL B LISTS NO FINAL AMENDMENTS TO PRE-  
LIMINARY INFORMATION LISTED IN REFTEL A.
3. REFTEL C CLEARLY INDICATES THAT TSUS 202.60,  
HARDWOOD FLOORING, NEVER DID REACH 50 PERCENT OF  
US IMPORT MARKET IN 1977 AND THEREFORE SHOULD RE-  
MAIN ELIGIBLE FOR GSP TREATMENT IN 1978.
4. REFTEL C ALSO INDICATES THAT TSUS 46605, CASTCLE  
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SOAP, ENJOYED 70 PERCENT OF US IMPORT MARKET IN 1977  
AND THEREFORE SHOULD BE EXCLUDED FROM GSP PREFERENTIAL  
TREATMENT IN 1978. HOWEVER, NO MENTION OF SUCH EX-  
CLUSION IS MADE IN REFTELS A AND B.

5. REFTEL C ALSO INDICATES THAT US IMPORTS OF SINGAPORE-  
MADE TSUS 68524, SOLID STATE RADIO RECEIVERS, WERE

\$36.5 MILLION IN 1977 THUS EXCEEDING THE COMPETITIVE  
NEED LIMIT OF \$33.4 MILLION AND THEREFORE SHOULD BE EXC-  
LUDED FROM GSP PREFERENTIAL TREATMENT IN 1978. HOWEVER,  
NO MENTION OF SUCH EXCLUSION IS MADE IN REFTELS  
A AND B.

6. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE CABLE COMPLETE AND PRECISE  
LIST OF ALL SINGAPOREAN IMPORTS EXCLUDED FROM GSP FOR  
1978 DUE TO ONE OR OTHER OF COMPETITIVE NEED CRITERIA.  
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